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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Bader et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/973,449
FILING DATE: October 9, 2001
FOR: Efficient Tests of Association for Quantitative Traits and Affected-Unaffected Studies Using Pooled DNA

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Washington, D.C. 20231

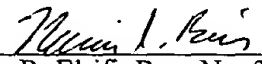
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the November 14, 2001, Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the three-month extension, this filing is due on or before April 15, 2002 (April 14, 2002 being a Sunday).

A check in the amount of \$920.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-139 (Cura-439). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed. Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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